

Dodson weighs in with Managing Wildlife Habitat

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Audubon International President Ron Dodson has pulled together his resources and experiences to write a book that will provide golf course superintendents and others a framework for successful, environmentally sensitive land management practices.

Managing Wildlife Habitat on Golf Courses, which became available in January, is a working foundation, providing a holistic approach to understanding and managing golf courses and a basic understand-

ing of wildlife and habitat needs. It is a celebration of the management strategies, environmental protection and habitat enhancement techniques that have become vital to the game of golf. Dodson is one of the international leaders of the modern-day environmental movement in golf, having organized the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and Audubon Signature Program, among others.

Managing Wildlife Habitat on Golf Courses, by Ronald Dodson, Ann Arbor Press, hardcover, \$45.

Audubon certifies Ironwood

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Ironwood Municipal Golf Course has achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS). Ironwood is the 27th course in Florida to receive the honor.

A division of the Recreation and Parks Department of the city of Gainesville, Ironwood joined

the Audubon program in 1994.

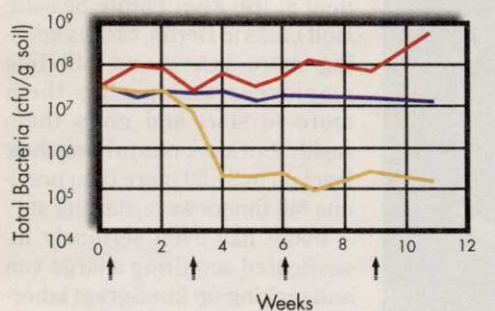
"Ironwood Municipal Golf Course has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. They are to be commended for their efforts to provide a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property," said Joellen Zeh, staff ecologist for the Cooperative Sanctuary System.

"Ironwood's Resource Committee, as well as staff and community volunteers, have worked very hard to attain designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary," said Jan Weinbrecht, Resource Committee chair, "but we're even more excited with the anticipation of what certification will mean in accomplishing other immediate and long-term environmental goals for Ironwood."

"This was a collaborative effort," said Golf Course Manager Bill Iwinski, who was responsible for outreach and education. "However, Jan Weinbrecht deserves most of the credit for the accomplishment. Jan developed the Environmental Plan and oversaw the entire project. In addition, he was directly responsible for Wildlife and Habitat Management and Water Quality Management."

Barry Greenwalt, superintendent at Ironwood, along with his employer, One Source, Inc., were key players in this achievement as well, Iwinski said. Greenwalt was responsible for Integrated Pest Management and water conservation. One Source, provided much assistance and was "100-percent committed to the success of the project," he said.

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Everglades donates to area schools

Everglades Golf Course Superintendents Association, a supporter of environmental education in local schools since 1995, has made a contribution that will benefit all within the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools. The organization supports 11 local schools and has funded two project grants.

This latest contribution will be used to fund the Teacher Training Video. The 40-minute video provides guidance and illustrates case studies of two schools that have integrated projects into their curriculum in different ways.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools, administered by Audubon International, is designed to help schools and other educational facilities enhance their environmental quality while completing Cooperative Sanctuary projects.

In addition to schools, Audubon International has special programs for homeowners and businesses.